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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

SUBJECT : Resume of Mission C168C

1. General: Mission C168C was alerted on 18 October 1968. This was a round robin mission flown out of [REDACTED] designed to remain 20 miles off-shore. Launch and [REDACTED] were made on 20 October 1968. Pilot was Major [REDACTED]. This was his first operational mission.

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Preplanned Mission Data

Distance	1553 NM
Time to landing	4+20 hours
Take off fuel	1020 gals
Fuel reserve at Hi Cone	215 gals

Targets: This mission was designed for use of the "H" Camera Configuration to obtain photo coverage of 33 COMIREX targets and six [REDACTED]. Route for this sortie was planned to obtain photo coverage from approximately 60 NM east of Hong Kong along the coast of China to a point southeast of Shanghai.

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2. Actual Mission Data: Take-off was at 0130Z and landing at 0550Z for a mission duration of 4+20 hours.

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a. Target Coverage:

(1) Of the 33 programmed COMIREX targets, none were covered due to pilot's missetting of the camera angle.

(2) There were three bonus COMIREX targets covered.

(3) Thirty-one bonus non-COMIREX targets were also photographed.

b. Weather: The weather was as forecast. Category I (0 to 1/8 cloud cover) was over the China Mainland and coastal area. All flight lines were clear with the exception of the last which was Category III (3/8 to 4/8 cloud cover).

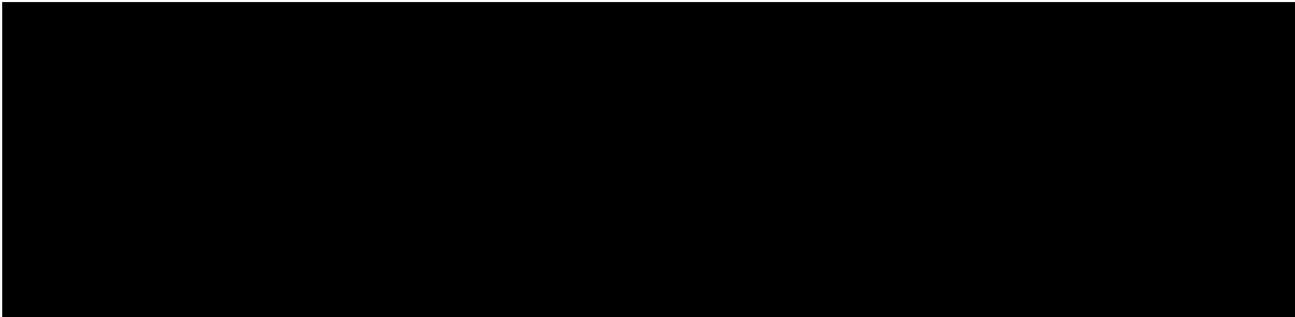
3. Air Defense Reaction (Chicom):

a. Radar Tracking: Chicom tracking was continuous from 0136Z until 0454Z for a total time of 4+09 hours.

b. Fighter Reaction: Twice during the mission the pilot reported seeing MIG contrails to the left and below his flight path and altitude. These contrail sightings occurred in the vicinity of Lung-tien and Nan Jih-Tao Airfields. (Both air strips are across from Taiwan). The four MIG aircraft never climbed above the contrail altitude (62,000 to 63,000 feet).

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4. Electronic Warfare Systems Activity: No system activities were received during this mission.



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7. Maintenance: There were no aircraft discrepancies.

8. Communications: Radio, navigational aids and BW operation was satisfactory.

9. A critique for IDEALIST Mission C168C was held in the OSA Control Center on Tuesday, 29 October 1968 at 1315L. Representatives of OSA, OSI and OEL were present. As a result of this critique, several items requiring action were surfaced, as listed below:

a. To preclude improper camera angle settings a program of reindoctrination must be instituted. All Field Commanders are reemphasizing proper camera setting methods and review of "H" camera procedures for obtaining optimum target coverage.

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b. The System XXI recorder stopped at 0133Z and did not resume until 0220Z. ██████████ indicated pilot received unusual radio noise and secured system as possible cause. After pilot determined system was not cause of noise he turned it back on.

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